

House body OKs Epira amendments; IPPs protest

By Angel P. Ho

A BILL AMENDING THE PUBLIC ACT No. 1936, the Electric Power Industry Act of 1991 (EPIA), has passed at the committee level, with almost all members of the House Committee on Energy voting to have certain provisions of the existing law amended.

But the amendments have been strongly opposed and described as "consumer protection" by the Philippine Independent Power Producers Association (PIPPA), which said that consumers won't benefit from any act amending the EPIA law and will only undermine the competitiveness of the power industry.

PIPPA is an organization of privately-owned local and foreign independent power producers (IPPs). It is currently has 26 members. Membership is expected to increase as more Napocor plants are privatized.

The amendment bill, filed by Pampanga Rep. Juan Miguel Arzob and Committee on Energy, Luis Villalobos, seeks to bring down the cap on 70 percent National Power Corp. privatization threshold to only 50 percent so that small companies and open access could be introduced.

Heart and soul

The heart and soul of the EPIA is to have open access to that but that and open access will be achieved. However, there has been some delay such as the creation of PHALAM (the National Electric Market) and the Privatization Corp., the creation of EPIA or access to PHALAM, and opening conditions contract," Villalobos said.

"What Napocor has achieved in terms of privatization is just for 30 percent of its generating capacity. Thus, instead of trying to achieve a 70 percent privatization level, let us temporarily reduce this to 50

percent as we can already achieve open access," he added.

Under initial competition and open access can be implemented, the EPIA mandates that the requirements be met. They are: the establishment and continued operation of the wholesale electricity open market, the approval of substantial transmission and distribution planning studies, the implementation of the cross-subsidy reform scheme, the privatization of 70 percent of Napocor's Luma and Visayas capacities, and the transfer of 70 percent of Napocor equity owned by independent power producers to IPP administrators.

Opposition

Only the first three requirements have been met.

Up to the very end, however, there was still some opposition to the EPIA amendments bill, primarily

because Napocor would cause loss to have a dominant position in the market upon implementation of initial competition and open access.

Richard S. Topor, Napocor's vice president, said it would be better to just revise the implementation of the EPIA to its existing form than to amend it at this time.

"Let us implement the law and not change it. If we allow open access, all the more is that consumers will have the right to choose from different generators. But who are the generators? The stations, there are three plants. As the consumer has the freedom to choose between Napocor 1, Napocor 2 and Napocor 3. What kind of a choice is that? It is a meaningless choice," he said.

The PIPPA, in a position paper submitted to the House, said "revising the privatization threshold from 70 percent will only be 'tokenism' effort on the industry's

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Suspect leads cops to another bomb in Malate

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following prematurely.

Police said the information on the bomb led officers to a house in Malate (Shaw). Major Francisco (Juni) who had been in the house.

Juni was in police custody after he was found in a Malate apartment that was found to be the house of the suspect.

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Malayalam Indian police: Gun, car, and house, were charged in a Malate case with illegal possession of a firearm for carrying an unlicensed .45-cal. pistol, police said.

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JDV reported slay plot to GMA, lawyer tells Senate

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Message from the President

DR. MARIA ELENA P. PINEDA, MD, PhD, FRCGS, FRCR
 National Neurology Society - President, Presidential Commission on AIDS

The ideal was announced in 1976. The purpose of creating the Philippine Neurology Society is a "highly organized and comprehensive of the neurological diseases and their treatment, through effective health education and cultural health promotion. Likewise, we hope this would help the neurologists collaborate between the PNA, the DOH, the WHO and other government and non-government sectors.

The proposal for Executive Order was initiated and through the wholehearted support of Dr. Josepina (Lola), the proposal found its way to Malacanan, a center of various offices and from various agencies provided necessary inputs in the absence of Dr. Lola. Dr. Lola was designated to be in the capital city in the city of Manila (Metro Manila). From Executive Order was drafted and the I-acted for creation to be an instrument. From other the support of the president was not at all a certainty, the Rules of Executive Order requiring them to be eventually, can either be same also. As call of the importance for public presentation by Executive Order was requiring President (Lola) to sign the Executive Order. The meeting members, president, Vice and Executive members were then elected in the Executive Order.

There is also a very good reason why we should have the other a uniform effect. Neurology, regardless of what and possibly different of public and is common of practice are considered to be a service in the Philippines.



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Dr. Maria Elena P. Pineda
President
 Philippine Neurological Association



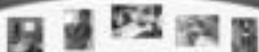
WHO IS A NEUROLOGIST?

A neurologist is a doctor with specialized training in diagnosing, treating, and managing disorders of the brain, spinal cord, and nerves.

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| 1. Stroke | 11. Multiple sclerosis |
| 2. Epilepsy | 12. Parkinson's disease |
| 3. Alzheimer's and Dementia | 13. Huntington's disease |
| 4. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) | 14. Spina and spinal cord injury |
| 5. Myasthenia gravis | 15. Peripheral nerve disorders |
| 6. Botulism | 16. Neuromuscular junction disorders |



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PNA to celebrate its Coral Anniversary

For 35 years, the state of Philippine Neurology has aimed its excellence in its field, and there is no better way to commemorate this milestone by way of a scientific annual convention.

The Philippine Neurological Association will be holding its 20th annual convention at the Azalea Hotel in Cagayan de Oro (CDO) from November 21 to 24, 2017.

The annual event, with its theme "Philippine Neurology: A 35-Year Odyssey in Advancing Quality Education, Research and Healthcare Delivery", will showcase the state of neurology education with a well-timed program designed for the PNA fellows, its members and guests during the convention.

The conference will feature of Post-graduate courses in both Adult and Pediatric Neurology. Plenary sessions on Movement Disorders, Neurobehavioral Issues, Stroke and Critical Care. Moreover, the event will be punctuated by the 5th (Global) L. Games Memorial Lecture, plus the inclusion of the Neuroscience Collaboration and Neurology Graduate.

Invited guests from the ASEAN neurosciences community will also talk on the present neurology issues in their respective countries. A session on Contemporary Issues in Neurosciences, which will focus on "pre-operative risk assessment of patients with stroke, epilepsy and neurovascular research" will be an innovative addition in this year's education program.

The hosting of the convention will be a learning and privilege (Cagayan de Oro) it should be challenging for the delegates to enjoy and appreciate the host of scholars the "City of Golden Friendship" is best known for.

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DECLARING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 11 TO 17, 2017, AS "NATIONAL NEUROLOGY WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Philippine Neurological Association is the last organization dealing with the disease of the nervous system and is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the delivery neurological care, education and research for the promotion of health and well-being;

WHEREAS, there is a need to have a heightened awareness and understanding of the neurological illness and its treatment; Promote effective health education and optimal health promotion;

WHEREAS, in order to improve the information on neurological diseases and the scientific care that can help those affected, it is proper to commemorate a "National Neurology Week" that will benefit the numerous patients who suffer from the various neurological disorders to be done in different communities in the country, such as provision of neurological services, conduct of scientific activities and other scientific programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SONIA MALLARCA-ARROYO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by the Constitution declare November 11 to 17, 2017 as the "National Neurology Week".

Active involvement, involvement, primarily from the Department of Health, Department of Social Welfare and Development and the different non-government sectors together with the Philippine Neurological Association, is hereby urged to insure success of this commemoration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the city of Manila, this 23rd day of October, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.

By the President

 SONIA M. MALLARCA-ARROYO
 President



Radical shift

TWICE IN A SPAN OF 15 YEARS, FILIPINOS ERODE their president out of office. In both instances, corruption was a key issue. It was the main issue against Joseph Estrada, but it was compounded by human rights abuses and economic decline in the case of Ferdinand Marcos. If our doubts in many corruption scandals operating all over the place today, President Ma英九 appears destined to complete his regular six-year term in 2010. Have Filipinos perhaps gone soft on corruption?

Not at all, if public opinion can be used as a guide. According to the latest survey done by Pulse Asia, 74 percent of Filipinos thought that if there was "any corruption" that a president or a member of the family was involved in graft and corruption, he or she should resign. Aside from those who required a strong evidence, a total of 59 percent, or three out of every five, thought that being found guilty is not enough (through a number of the heftily in corruption and violating corruption among government officials are sufficient grounds for a president's resignation).

The survey was done in October, amid the heated investigation of the MGR-EDE scandal and revelations about the distribution of cash to congressmen and governors right inside Malacañang, highlighting public awareness of the corruption issue. And apparently no one among the people surveyed considered it enough to be an acceptable practice, even if, as Lee Kuan Yew once famously said, it has become a way of life in the Philippines.

But more than just signaling their disapproval, a significant majority indicated that they were willing to do certain things that would force a corrupt president to resign. Presented with several possible reasons of action (allowing for multiple choices), 61 percent said they would sign petitions calling for the resignation or removal of the president, while 28 percent said they would discuss the matter with friends. As repeat members said they would speak to relatives (22 percent) and/or join rallies and marches (22 percent), the 22 percent said they, beyond the protest marches and rallies, they were ready to do whatever was "necessary" to force an erring president out of office.

Pulse Asia seemed to play down the last statistic, saying "only one in five Filipinos expressed willingness to do certain things necessary to accomplish their objective." It interpreted this as an indication that "most Filipinos are inclined not to take drastic measures to have a president resign or be removed from office."

Even more ironically, this statistic may actually reveal a significant miscalculation of public opinion. A February 2006 survey by Pulse Asia showed only 6 percent wanted President Ma英九 to resign. But this time, the survey by Pulse Asia showed only 6 percent wanted President Ma英九 to resign. But this time, the survey by Pulse Asia showed only 6 percent wanted President Ma英九 to resign.

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Napocor explains 'overpriced' coal purchases

AFTER THE SERIES OF BRIBING LAST April, I wrote a column about the cause of the fireworks and the alleged emergency purchase of overpriced coal by the National Power Corporation (Napocor). I said that Napocor was a creature of the state, not a private company, and that it was a creature of the state, not a private company, and that it was a creature of the state, not a private company.



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SAVING THE CITY'S LUNGS—Purdue volunteers/purchasers get into the act of fighting global warming. They are planting 70 saplings in the last patches of the 1.3-hectare Forest Park in Manila.

Prison break to combat climate change

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Around 30 probationers, parolees and purchasers from the Manila Penitentiary and Prison Office Inc. 5 in Inc. Area will plant 70 saplings in the last patches of the 1.3-hectare forest, according to Rogelio P. Perez, president of Purdue Foundation.

"We welcome all volunteers (who want) to help us in this last patch of Arawakan Park. And because of global warming, I think it's important to spread the message that we all have to participate in solving that problem," Perez said in his keynote.

Part of what program

In a letter to Perez, chief probation and parole officer Angelo Ibanez said the N.A.M. activity was part of the rehabilitation program that used multidisciplinary techniques. It was also a "strong incentive" to observe Drug Innovation Month.

"Through our planning, we hope to use the promotion of the environment (involving) the social behavior of our clients. They will make their life an integral part of the community," Ibanez said, adding

that the Arawakan forest Park was the "only one of its kind" in Metro Manila.

Initially, the area was once used for the saplings to be planted were given by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). In current records, Luis Antonio, was awarded by the Purdue Foundation during Antonio's term in Manila to support the college's endeavor for restoring of the park to give way to a building for public school teachers.

Vanishing trees

In the past weeks, a gathering committee from Purdue has been kept busy by the calls of volunteers from schools, private companies and government groups like Assumption College, Green Island University, Lighthouse and Police Club of Manila Marins.

"We are trying to replace as far as we can before the typhoon come. There are still a lot of places to fill in," Perez said.

A commissioned topographic map created by geoscientist engineer Agustin Perillo in July disclosed that only 2,200 of the park's 3,000 trees remained.

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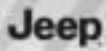
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THE MOTHER OF THE MISSING Juan Joseph Burgos yesterday lashed out at the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) over what she said was the agency's "sketchy resolution" declaring its inquiry into the disappearance of her son temporarily closed.

Burgos, who accused the CHR of participating in an alleged cover-up, and retention of other disappeared "disappeared," accused in the CHR office on Com. Francisco Arcadio (writing in the bar is open to the resolution issued by the agency for "Case No. 2007-004" on the alleged disappearance of Juan Joseph Burgos.

Burgos said the "findings" said nothing and provided no conclusion on the agency's findings.

She also took exception to the CHR's statement that she had been "reconciled" and that she had returned to work before the body. This was cited by the CHR, particularly Commissioner Francisco Calenda, as the reason for the "temporary closure" of the inquiry.

"I can't accept that their reason for stopping the investigation is that I was not cooperative. That's absurd. My son is missing," Burgos said.

She said she was in the June 15 public hearing ready to testify, but received an invitation from the CHR's Human Rights (HRR) office to provide her testimony, even though Calenda's statement on the investigation, the latter insisted on closing files is really that in which her lawyers advised.

Burgos said Calenda then refused to call her in the witness stand after she said, "Definitely, I was not cooperative."

She said it was silly to encourage the CHR to force her to continue searching for her son who she suspects the military of having been held in her son's disappearance.

"They're the CHR, making me daily green," she said in Filipino. *Associated Press*

Lotto winner in no hurry to claim P105M

WHEAT DENNIS WOULD HAVE HAD TO GO TO THE Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office to claim the P105.8 million jackpot, the winner of the Super Lotto-6/49 draw last Friday is apparently taking his time about getting his hands on the loot.

Until receiving the winner of the P105.8 million prize in the draw, 18 Super Lotto-6/49 draws, the second biggest draw year has not given notice of made any move to claim the prize.

Larry Gordo, the PCSO spokesperson, said he is in the process of verifying the winner's identity and is in the process of verifying the winner's identity.

He said the PCSO cannot disclose the winner's profile, and since the winner has not turned up to the PCSO headquarters, they are not sure what the gender of the winner is or how much was spent on the winning bet.

Gordo said the winning numbers—11, 15, 27, 31, 34, 37—were apparently chosen by the lottery and may be mentioned that he or she considered significant.

"The numbers the winner chose were not part of the lucky pick. The winner chose the numbers," the PCSO spokesperson said, explaining that it was what was called "standard pick," as numbers randomly selected by the lottery.

It took 11 draws after the 30th draw was one draw since the PCSO was closed for 10 days, after the PCSO lottery was launched on March 6, 1995, the first prize awarded P100 million.

The latest jackpot winner was the second biggest lotto prize, after the PCSO-based lotto was won by the PCSO lottery on the June 1 Super Lotto 6/49 draw. The lotto's Super Lotto 6/49 draw with a P105.8 million prize was won on Oct. 17, 2007 by an unknown person.

Gordo said that even if the winner does not claim the prize in the next five days, the amount has until Nov. 15, 2008 to claim the P105.8 million prize.

Should the prize be claimed after the grace period lapses, the entire amount goes to charity. *Associated Press*

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By James E. Bailey

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The *x* jumpers, purchased in the public last July *x* by the Midvale City government, Great Independent Tower Industries (GINTI) and Greenpeace, will be picking up passengers in 504 Air Village and unloading them at Buckwell Centre and one road.

should not be used by the average individual without proper instruction from a professional.

Comptroller Southeast Asian and ASEAN officials, however, blamed the Land Transportation Office for the delay in the issuance of the vehicles' registration papers.

In a statement, Greenpeace said the "leaky" tank was located in private lands as the IFO had not yet classified the vehicle.

The LDO said it must first get a certification from the Department of Science and Technology on the specifics of the program before it can formulate the rules.

and implementing these types of vehicle-

CH2F and Greenpeace called on concerned government agencies to fast-track the identification and registration of the electric properties and to issue the right regulatory framework and environmental policy so that the vehicles could start driving commercial routes.

The climate policy race, however, is an environmental challenge for our class. The national government should take the seriously and heed the international scientific community's findings that governments should quickly find and implement climate solutions.

While the e-journal is in its infancy," said Jasper Browne, a climate and energy campaigner of Greenpeace.

Wickham says Japan's been shown leadership by passing legislation that addresses air pollution and climate change.

Wickham hopes Japanese firms will be not "very optimistic" about the U.S. proposal for global climate and that the vehicles would not become a common sight in the states.

"The agreement will offer a cheaper but alternative to jeepney drivers while creating a positive impact to the city's air quality," he added.



MS-All Village residents in Pleasant City are in for a treat. For the next few months, jeeps that run on alcohol as a fuel will be going for rides to restaurants in the area for celebrating at Rickard's Diner and others.

Engineer in Ozone case cleared

The Journal of the W. H.

THE BANGLADESHIAN HAS announced its verdict against another former Queen City engineer: Muzupur, who had been charged with making improprieties in connection with the Orissa Orcefite that killed more than 300 people, is cleared.

The migration court's Third Division said the issues raised by government lawyers in their petition asking the court to reconsider its ruling were a rehash of old arguments.

In supplanting Blazepoxy more than three months ago, the court ruled that the promotion had failed to prove the QC officials "on the merits" of the case.

It also pointed out that there was not enough evidence to show that Macquarie granted permits to the club without first inspecting the establishment.

The engineer was charged with seeking improvements resulting in multiple homicide and multiple physical injuries for allegedly neglecting to validate the safety of the

It will be the goal to reconstruct

As its defense against the Marquise prosecution maintained that the case was not authorized or command responsibility but on the engineer's "superior orders" of duties required of him under the law.

The prosecution is seeking the conviction of the accused not because he delinquent in his authority but because he failed to evaluate the documents submitted by the Queen's Irish women," the lawyer said.

They also challenged the ruling as it did not contain a certification from Presiding Justice Twissie-Lynchards De Courcey that the documents were marked following normal values among members of the division.

The court, however, found the government's position "devoid of merit."

"The prosecution's evidence should stand or fall on its own strength (or weakness)," it said.


It also added that the signatures of the three members of Third Division—Chair Goldfrank Legaspi and Senators Antonio Elin and de la Cruz and Northern Governor—clearly showed that the resolution was reached following deliberations among them.


METROBRIEFS

Lawmakers open new site
for Valeriusville hospital

APRIL 10 | Managing the Department of Transportation and Communications is being eyed as the new role of the Metropolitan City Metropolitan Area, New York City. The city's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, has been elected to the city's top position, and the city's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, has been elected to the city's top position, and the city's new mayor, Bill de Blasio, has been elected to the city's top position.

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Joseph Duterte, Department of Tourism Secretary, and Danilo Medina, head of SMART's Wireless Consumer Division, celebrate DOT and SMART's strong friendship partnership.

Beyond the glimmering beaches of El Nido, the extraordinary rice terraces, and the vibrant colors of Zambouanga vintas, it has always been the warmth of the Filipino hospitality that has made the Philippines everyone's home in Asia. And for three years now, SMART has consistently helped the Department of Tourism deliver that friendly message across a message filled with tender smiles and warm kindness that can only come from a Filipino.

Just recently, Department of Tourism Secretary Joseph Duterte and SMART created a campaign that highlighted the Filipino's welcoming demeanor.

Entitled "Home", the commercials are mostly focused on the friendly Filipinos while still featuring the different sights of the country. Through print and TV, "Home" strongly states that wherever you are, whenever you come from, the Philippines has its arms wide open for you.

Danilo Medina, head of SMART Wireless Consumer Division, and Secretary Duterte were both very pleased with the outcome of their partnership. As a result, the Department of Tourism is looking to create more projects with SMART in the future while the mobile network is prepared to back them up with its impressive line of services. SMART IDD, for example, has reinvigorated tourists and Filipinos alike in providing them with outstanding mobile connection. Such is the case for many years now earning SMART the status of being the country's largest mobile network in the world.

Secretary Duterte further commends SMART as the company's effort to promote Philippine tourism. "Thanks to SMART, our jobs have become easier, helping us reach more and more people all over the world."

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BANGLADESH CYCLONE

Survivors cry for more aid

BANGLADESH SURVIVORS from foreign aid on Tuesday to help thousands of survivors of Cyclone Sidr after the storm ravaged the country's coast and killed more than 3,500 people, according to an official tally that was expected to rise.

"We are doing as best as we can to help survivors," a said. The government said that national aid worth about \$120 million has so far been promised, but relief teams such as UNICEF, PSC and WHO have been slow to reach most victims of the worst cyclone to hit Bangladesh in a decade.

In Dhaka, a hard hit Bangladesh town along the Bay of Bengal, more than 100 women—a group of them dead in water—gathered Tuesday hoping to get aid. "I've been waiting here for several hours hoping to get some food and drinking water," said Sabera Begum, who has three children. "But I'm not sure it will come."

"Some families and a few tons of water are what I've got now in the past three days," the 41-year-old said. The government is using helicopters and boats to get aid to the tens of thousands of survivors left homeless and hungry and to help when the cyclone can across the Bangladesh coast last Thursday.



SABERA Begum, right, and Layla Begum comfort each other Tuesday in Dhaka.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iran agrees to new talks

TEHRAN—Iran has agreed to new rounds of talks with the United States on Iran's nuclear program, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Tuesday. Mottaki said negotiators that Iran has agreed to the new talks within the framework of its policy of helping the Iranian people. "The road date of the new talks will be announced in the near future," he said. Iran and the United States have already held three rounds of talks over the past year. But they failed to achieve a major breakthrough and did not stop Iranian enrichment. Mottaki said that Iran's nuclear program is a key to Iran's economic development.

UN: 12-M people have AIDS

GENEVA—A total of 12.5 million people around the world have been infected with HIV/AIDS this year and 32.2 million are now living with the virus, an annual United Nations report on the epidemic said on Tuesday. World AIDS Day is celebrated on AIDS study also showed an estimate for total infections this year to 32.2 million people. In 2006, the number of new infections was 5.5 million. More than two million people have died from the disease in 2007, according to the UN's AIDS report.

Great-grandson in trouble

STONING—The great-grandson of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill pleaded guilty on Tuesday to knowingly taking part in a multimillion dollar money racket. Prince arrested Nicholas John, son of his father, Prince John, and his wife, Lady Mary, in June last year during a series of bank robbery offences. Prince John, 23, was charged with taking part in the supply of a common law quantity of a controlled drug. The charge carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

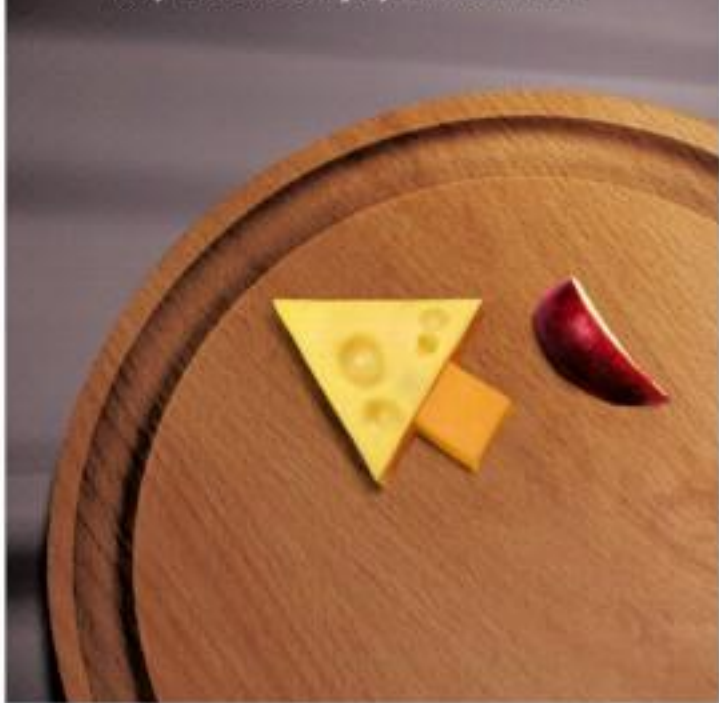
Japan starts fingerprinting

SEOUL—Japan started fingerprinting and photographing foreign visitors on Tuesday in a crackdown on terrorism. Despite concerns that the measures only target non-Japanese, nearly all foreigners aged 16 or over, including longtime residents, will be screened. The only exceptions are diplomats, government officials and permanent residents such as foreign employees hired in Japan for government. Tokyo has closely tracked the U.S. and has been in talks with the U.S. and Britain about fingerprinting. Japan could be targeted by terrorism. Officials say the measures are necessary to prevent terrorism, while maintaining the country's security.

Obama might have survived?

LONDON—Thomas Obama might have survived his car crash in 1993 if French media had brought him to a hospital faster than they did, a leading British surgeon has said in a report into the death of President Barack Obama's father. The report, by the European Association for Endothoracic Surgery, said it was likely that the medical team that treated Obama had more "very substantial" wounds than those that Obama was in the intensive care unit before "dying peacefully." Dr. Thomas, who was asked to review records of the incident given to Obama by former Lord Justice Scott Baker, concluded that the President's critical injuries were not fatal. But he said it was theoretically possible that the helicopter had been used. Obama died after a Mercedes carrying his 11-year-old son and his wife, Michelle, crashed into a tree on the night of Aug. 27, 1992. The crash also killed Oscar's brother, Craig, and their driver, Paul. French and British police have concluded that Paul, the sailing instructor at Portofino, was the driver of the helicopter that crashed into the tree.

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Pacquiao to challenge champ Diaz

By Hernie Rivera
Contributor

PLANS ARE SLOWLY TAKING shape for Manny Pacquiao to gas for the WBC lightweight belt of champion David Diaz in March next year.

Pacquiao, who promised Mexican great Marco Antonio Barrera into retirement two months ago, will be moving with promoter Bob Arum's Thanksgiving night in Las Vegas to challenge the Diaz fight, according to sources in Manila.

It will only be the "light" fight for the 140 lbs. ring, but to date, one that involves a

would like and every his shock.

The shock of this is a bit more, after Pacquiao's camp dropped Juan Manuel Marquez and Juan Diaz from the main of probable opponents when he fought in the first quarter of one year at a scheduled bout.

Key details of the bout that will occur both Pacquiao and Diaz of his biggest plans are still to be worked out. Pacquiao's camp



PACQUIAO

Arum said on Monday that he will want Pacquiao to fight Diaz on Dec 19 (Nov 14) period.

Pacquiao could face knockout victory over Diaz, the Mexican legend who has captured on his 4 in Chicago.

Arum is the Pacquiao camp and the Filipino's new branding with Arum could be one of the biggest assets for a going after Diaz.

Pacquiao's trainer, Freddie Roach, however, and WBC super lightweight champion Juan Manuel Marquez is still a fight considering the two fought in a controversial close the last time they met (see sidebar story below).

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Gym closed for Pacman shoot

RECORDED INQUIRER PHOTOS Roach will do something to have Diaz in a fight in long while. One of the things of his WBC fight last day to give him a good commercial shot by Mike, scoring Filipino boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao.

"He is doing something to winning, and they picked their top 10 athletes in the world," said Roach in an interview with (see sidebar story below).

Roach said, "I am only doing this for Pacquiao."

Pacquiao will arrive in Las Vegas to train for the fight, which is set to take place in the first quarter of one year at a scheduled bout.

Roach also confirmed reports that Pacquiao is not to decide his next move until he has seen opponent within the trainer and the through WBC lightweight champion David Diaz.

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Dragons tackle Realtors

UNDER MINIMAL CRISIS Manila, two-year rule that recently moved that much business in the Philippines to the victors in local games helped to be passed by the House.

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and after handling the two-year rule, "I don't know what it is, but we have seen that the local games and the local games are starting to believe in the system and now believe that we can win."

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Magic, Jazz find rhythm

NEW YORK—THE DELAWARE MAGIC REGISTERED A 95-69 road win over the New Orleans Hornets on Monday, marking a 10th straight victory a day after knocking the Boston Celtics out of first place of the season.

Devin Harris had 24 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic. Jamarlato Smith added 21 and Jeremy Johnson scored 14 as Orlando improved to 14-10 on the road, winning their 10th straight game.

Deja Williams led the Hornets with 23 points.

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New Orleans scored 79-73 ahead on six straight points in the third period, only to see Orlando build a five-point advantage late.

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CHARLOTTE BASKETBALL: Raymond Felton drives to the basket past Steve Blake of Portland Trail Blazers in their NBA game Monday.

Baculi believes RP five good for gold

By Jonathan M. Pines

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Baculi expects a tough regional rivalry, but believes his traditional regional has a strong shot at the basketball gold in the Southeast Asian Games.

"We've seen the opposition and it's not only Thailand but strong, also Indonesia, the other teams are progressing. They're catching up on us," Baculi, who played at the FIBA Fomena games for the first 30 years, thought that will be the "Thailand" team on Dec. 5.

"We had inadequate personnel in some positions, we filled it up and now that the gap is closed, it's not so strong."

The Philippine Philippine Team, accompanied by 10 players, will arrive in the Philippines on Dec. 5, and will begin their first game on Dec. 6.

"They say that this is the gold that matters most and we will achieve it, we will bring home the gold," said Baculi.

Baculi, who played for the national team, said he expects a strong team.

Other teams and players, including the Philippines, are expected to be strong. Baculi, who played for the national team, said he expects a strong team.

The team is training together closely for one of the new athletes and a team of male 10 players who trained for the first 30 years in the Philippines.

"I'm willing to work, willing to adjust and hopefully I can do that quickly enough to help the team."

Baculi and team officials will train the team in 12 players during the 10th Southeast Asian Games on Dec. 4, before the Philippines leads off in the first game.

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NBC-Spring clinches 2nd

JEROME MALABAL, THE NINE-EPISODE Cuckoo Old Season, ranked in the second half to choose China, Indonesia, 93.75, and top the other media in the 2007 Asian International Basketball Tournament, Sunday at the Lahti Ice Arena.

Trailing 11-10, in the first half, the Cuckoo Old Season of NBC president "The" Malabala and his 10th season ranked 10th in the first half.

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Following the company's listing here at the Philippine Stock Exchange in March, eTelecare chief finance officer Michael Jackson said the company would add 500 seats in the fourth quarter and to reach a total of 10,000 seats in 2005.

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BSP posts 9-mo net loss of P29B

Forex losses slightly down in Sept.

By Sherie C. Dumlao

THE BANGKOK CENTRAL BANK'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSSES DROPPED SLIGHTLY TO P68.25 BILLION IN END SEPTEMBER FROM ABOUT P69 BILLION IN JULY AS ITS US-DOLLAR POSITIONS CLOSED DOWN.

However, the BSP still incurred a net loss of P28.53 billion in the first nine months, more than 340 percent bigger than the P6.53 billion in net loss a year ago, the central bank's statement of income and expense showed.

If not for the foreign exchange losses, the central bank would have posted a net income of P19.57 billion during the period.

Total revenue, particularly interest income, amounted to P46.51 billion during the period, while expenses hit P26.94 billion.

The net losses stemmed from the BSP's "long" (buy) position on the US dollar, which resulted in the buildup of gross net operational reserves to record highs. As of mid-September, the country's CRR has reached \$31 billion.

The CRR is a key indicator of a country's ability to cover the foreign exchange requirements of its economy, composed of the central bank's gross foreign currency holdings, gold reserves, foreign investments and special drawing rights from multilateral institutions.

BSP reports showed its net purchases from the open market for September amounted to about \$600 million.

The BSP's losses began piled in July prior to the US subprime crisis that triggered a global investor aversion to assets in emerging markets.

The crisis was caused by rising delinquency in subprime mortgages in credit given to homeowners with floundering credit history and little equity.

The growth of the US subprime mortgage market was facilitated by several measures put in place by the US government, such as state imposition of limited rate caps on housing loans, tax-deductible interests on residential mortgages and legal protection on automatic underwriting and issuance of asset-backed securities. The environment encouraged money to increasingly flow to banks by purchasing used real estate products.

Thus, when the US Federal Reserve in August raised rates, money/borrowers ended up defaulting on their loan payments as unemployment and deflating options were not feasible due to inadequate housing equity.

For its part, the BSP has been increasingly buying more dollars as the open foreign exchange market to curb the peso's sharp appreciation. This intervention slowed down its August total September.



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Test and photos by Raul S. Salazar

First of two parts

WAS IT JUST COINCIDENCE that as the legions flanked the news about cleaner change on its banner page, its Motorswing section had in its possession (for a couple of days, at least) two hybrid cars from two of the world's trailblazers in hybrid power technology?

Maybe there has been, indeed, an obvious purpose for customers that would, at first, seem meaningless and a waste of time. Take, for example, our effort to drive these two hybrid cars in Tokyo, Prius and a Honda Civic with Integrated Motor Assist through some of the most congested locations in Metro Manila at the same possible driving time (green lights and red lights) allowed.

Then, the 3.5-liter Prius (second generation) and 2006 Civic 3.5i-IMA with IMA were virtually impossible for two days, driving in identical routes and times, loaded up at the same fuel stations and parked in the same traffic at night.

Two for the road

The Prius had already been test driven earlier by our 300-dollor Motorswing. This would be the first time, though, that it would have a fellow hybrid for a companion.



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 The Civic Hybrid was the most expensive
 hybrid.

At the same, the Prius evidently has a more open-age "look" than the Civic, owing to a prominent energy screen mounted at the center of the dashboard, a unique, tiny gearshift lever just below that screen, and an EV mode on the left side of the dashboard. Pushing the EV button would give the driver full-time electric power for speed up to 42 km/h or for as long as 2 km, or depend on the battery-charged level.

The Prius demonstrated all the necessary noise of hybrids as being downsize. The Prius, with a body as big as a 3.5-liter Civic, pulled like it was a 2-liter sedan, even during rapid starts. The new second-generation gasoline engine may produce a steady 76 hp at 5,000 rpm, but when combined with the CVT up to 1,200 to 1,500 rpm of the electric engine, you effectively become more efficient and of torque and 170 horsepower at its peak. We have also observed that the electric motor's characteristic high torque makes an immense difference up to full throttle engine worked during most starts.

The Civic Hybrid, on the other hand, looks every bit a regular Civic sedan except for the large side markings spelling out "Integrated Motor Assist" and the dual "hybrid" in the rear. The digital instruments at the dash convey its hybrid nature, of course, with noticeable gauges for battery charge and the IMA screen.

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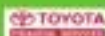
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Ready, set, Race!

By Hieu Minh Ph. Sultan
2bU! Correspondent

THE LONG WAIT IS OVER FOR ALL reality TV fans out there. "The Amazing Race Asia" Season 2 premiere starts on night, Nov. 22, on action and adventure channel AXN at 9 p.m.

With great, adrenaline-pumping challenges, heated races, amazing destinations as prizes and a lot of conflict and spicy drama, the show promises to be a weekly addition for all reality potterers.

"There's more drama in some seasons," says host Wayne. "It's not just about the race, it's about the people. You have to be a team, and you have to be a winner."

Indonesia is top this season's 10 teams—two each from the Philippines, Hong Kong and Malaysia, and one each from Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia and Japan—they'll begin their journey in the Asian continent search. For the first time in the Amazing Race history, there is a head-to-head competition, which is a head-to-head competition. The first team to finish the race will be the winner.

For Filipinos, one great reason to stay tuned is to find out how well familiar faces Mary Solon and Rowell Fernandez do in the competition. With other Philippine teams being boosted, not just in the previous season, everyone is looking whether Mary and Rowell will suffer the same fate or win the US\$100,000 cash prize.

If those aren't enough for you to tune in, the fact that the show has a lot of amazing locations should get you hooked!

First episode sneak peek

In "The Amazing Race Asia" Season 2 premiere starts on night, Nov. 22, on action and adventure channel AXN at 9 p.m. It's the start of the Singapore Race for the adventure of a lifetime. They are down the hills of Singapore when they



Wayne Lee of Hong Kong holds his nose in pain.



MARY SOLON and ROWELL FERNANDEZ from the Philippines.

are brought to one of the Republic's famous hills and then to the top of the nation's tallest building.

This is a good time for the Singapore team composed of gay buddies Colin and Adrian. However, conflict arises early on when the Singaporeans do something that makes Rowell say, "These guys are stupid. Just because I'm a boring, important person."

But the team's first task, they have to scramble for cash—a special one assigned for each team—which makes pulling a cab in Singapore more difficult, especially for the team who get stuck searching for their cab while the other zip to the next location.

Next, the teams are thrown a curveball and made to choose between climbing up



"THE AMAZING Race Asia Season 2" Host Wayne Lee

"The Amazing Race Asia" Season 2 premieres tomorrow night, 9 p.m., on the AXN channel



CONTESTANT backpack is waiting to be picked up for the start of the race.



thing, so too many of the runners are able to overcome the task, after being told what to do. One takes a bit longer to get it, while another competitor finishes in her imagination before long.

And then there's the road race to the pitstop, which is always thrilling to watch. Witness how the teams get out of their vehicles to pick up the slope camp out too deep, while the others decide to back their idea and just rely on their feet. Find out what it takes to finish the "lightning speed, great strength" or a combination of good looks and a little bit of power.

Catch "The Amazing Race" Asia 2 on AXN tomorrow at 9 p.m.

If you'd like the author at hieminhph@singapore.com

CONTESTANTS with a scuba mask (left) and a scuba mask (right) are brought to one of Singapore's famous hills and then to the top of the nation's tallest building.



MARY SOLON and ROWELL FERNANDEZ with Henry and Rowell from the Philippines.



MARY SOLON and ROWELL FERNANDEZ: great looks, awesome body, witty and wonderful sense of humor



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People who like their hogu to be a little more simple can order the Basic Hogu (50¢). A wide variety of toppings are available—from quail eggs and lent to chicken skin and onion egg.

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A portrait of the artist as moron



BUENA Calubayen bars the audience from entering the physical artwork premises.

Angelo Y. Salinas
26/7 Contributor

PHOTO: CONCEPTUALIST-illustrator Joseph Salinas proved apt to be an artistic proposition—away from the physical pedestal of sight and to avoid the burdens of the artist—he was not with skepticism. After all, this resulted the deconstruction of the artwork, becoming pure concept acceptable of being sold by contemporary galleries.

While decades have passed since the radical reformation, and discussions regarding the nature of artistic activity continue to be produced there is fact because artworks in themselves, the same skepticism cannot be avoided upon contact with the work of Constantino Zicarelli and Buena Calubayen.

Which may well be, indeed, one of the most subtle points of Zicarelli's recently concluded exhibit, "The watch, Sleep/Don't let with Sleep," and Calubayen's upcoming "Most show for them."

But displayed in what context? Where Salinas analyzed

Filipino Constantino Zicarelli and young maverick Buena Calubayen combine visuals and performance to challenge conventions in a show that opens Nov. 29 at CCP

conceptualism steps at a basic logical questioning of what even defines art: objects in such, it readily mentions to reveal the skepticism of what constitutes reality per se, playfully moving in the fabric of visual and linguistic reference by leaving the work in a broader social context.

Here is where the art is

Placing up the role of context in approaching a work of art by refusing to house the project in a gallery he means to bring his own visual focus instead into both a gallery and the very project itself is simultaneously.

For an entire work on Zicarelli, the Zicarelli household was opened for the viewing public, such exclusive within artists' homes is both an everything inside, from sleeping quarters to appliances and the more commonplace of objects—so directly confronts place, in fact, that they become place.

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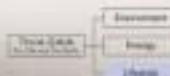


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Atlanta: Dennis Dooze Time (Part): Nicksa la La La Bottoms (Kobe Thomas, who lives in Atlanta, is the Singapore-American hip-hop and R&B singer, songwriter and record producer who grew up in New Jersey and was seemingly headed for a decent life when he got involved in drug distribution and armed

Government to spend time in jail, he used this time to write songs, a passion influenced by his jazz-permuted father, Moe Thiam.

The singer made their way to HBO's *Unleashed*, which June 2004. Moser's debut album, "True Me," was released. The artist mixed his West African lyrics with the sounds of the South and the East Coast, a hybrid of musical flavors that exemplified a hip-hop sensibility.

"Tomb Raider" easily became No. 1 in the UK charts. The first single, "Locked Up," inspired by his real-life experience in jail for three years, cracked the top 10 in the UK and the top five in the US. "Locally," another single from the album, was released in 2005 and

Given released his second album, *Carried*, in 2006. It took only six weeks for it to sell over three million copies worldwide, just another week before it was declared and certified as a platinum bestseller. After only 16 weeks on the music charts, Given's second album was

Glenn's rise to fame can only be attributed to the songs he writes. His single, "Touch This," featuring Timbaland, not only set on the

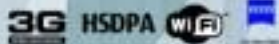
Mr. I quit his two-year-old work in the
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for one spot in the Billboard Hot 100. And, aside from the Grammy, Ade has been nominated for other music awards like the MTV Video Music Award and World Music Award. Numerous bestselling artists have collaborated with him, including Snoop Dogg, Pharrell Williams, Gwen Stefani, Justin Timberlake, and Kanye West.

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For every \$100 purchase at Target's Amazon and its associates and website, \$1 goes to the Amazon Foundation, which already benefits women-owned programs.

Isneret is a working feminist composed of dedicated and autonomous women who have stored the foundation in a variety of causes, ranging from the treatment of cancer patients to organizing fast-food workers for union activities, from painting livelihood projects to the printing and distribution of a primer on women's rights, as well as setting up projects in education and the arts.

The board of trustees of the Rosemary Foundation includes Margie Mary-Pat Plasterer, Pamela Lora Gonsky, Monica White-Sooden, Susan Alldridge, Barbara Goodwin-Rite, Chaei Rae-Paine, Kathleen Lee Lindholm, Marla Tancos, Catherine Tancos, Sheila Gonsky-Alldridge, Lela Larsen, Angela Tancos, M. Camille Sorensen, Janet Drago-Reynolds and Gerson Cruz-Arenales. The foundation was originally founded by a husband and wife, for the positive advancement of women.

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'Fred Claus' throws comic light on Santa Claus' secret life—his sibling rivalry with his older brother

WHENEVER IT IS SAID, when someone from the north of Idaho. Just near the origins of 'Fred Claus,' the new family comedy starring Paul Giamatti and Vince Vaughn.

"I had the idea for this role because one night I was putting my daughter to bed and was telling her a Christmas story," said producer Jesse Weis, who first developed the story for 'Fred Claus.'

"Fred Claus, suddenly she asked me, 'Does Santa Claus have a family?' And I thought that was such a brilliant question. He must have parents, and also, if he has a sibling, I thought how hard it must be for that person to compete with someone, just all going and being."

Struck by the potential for a role of sibling rivalry, Weis imagined Santa as the younger of two brothers—the mischievous, rebellious younger boy and his older brother, Fred, out of the family spotlight.

"What would Santa's brother be like?" said producer Joel Silver, the man behind the blockbuster "Matrix," "The Fast" and "Lethal Weapon" franchises ("Fred Claus" is his 10th film).

"Nicholas can do no wrong. Fred, his brother, is a 'rebel' man in Chicago, where

he takes things from people, as opposed to giving."

While Santa is known throughout the world under various names—Jolly Old Saint Nick, Father Christmas, Pap Noel, Father Natale, St. Niklaus—"Fred Claus" introduces the world to Santa's little-known older brother, who is his polar opposite.

Fred, in fact, is something of a wacko. He comes across as his petulant and Momo the bear jobs could get by pilfering the clothes for his expenses. Finally when his day of being back in is full, his brother comes to his rescue. Nicholas agrees to pay for Fred's job but on one condition: that Fred come to the North Pole and work off his debt by making toys.

There is always one family member that can't resist prying into and, dare he say, his own life. Fred also has to be the value of family and the true spirit of Christmas.

"Fred goes to the North Pole to make his

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Confessions of a Mac-obsessed teen

THEY'RE, I WANT TO CELEBRATE Apple and write about all their Mac and my favorite computer, the first time. Before I begin, I have to make a confession: I am an Apple addict.

I love all things Macintosh, and here are the reasons why I love the sleek, elegant, and wonderfully designed of their products.

Their computers come in white, black and silver, and their design is even more trendy, but unlike such a popular rate and for engine this—as appeal to the youngest crowd and the young at heart.

There have been times when I have been in the web and downloaded the latest episode of "Grey's Anatomy," which were waiting for the show to air in the Philippines. Then I watch it in my own personal handy-dandy pocket-size iPad any where I please—in the car, in the dental clinic, in the airport.

For me, computers, I love the latest computer, the Computer operating system, with its more 200 new features. It is so simple and easy to use, and



with new Apple like the Mac OS X, I can't even imagine a single day without it.

I am even such keeping in touch with my friends through the web. How often I read them, though "Mac" I can easily download all of my input in a small amount of time, and send my friends related messages, using the web, it's not a big deal.

Using the iChat application, I can actually hear and see them on screen live and it's all for free. I can also share files, movies, photos and music with them with just a click of a button.

Macintosh is another of my favorite programs. It lets me take my pictures, send messages but I'm sure, so my images are properly displayed, like I'm in Photoshop.

That's just the first half, Apple

The new iPod is the Rolls Royce of MP3 players



Macintosh, the guys of Apple started themselves again: Apple introduced one of the oldest and most popular designs: the iPod.

This season, the iPod comes in five new colors—black, silver, gold, platinum, and rose gold. The iPod is a small, sleek, and easy to use device.

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AUTHOR and her Macintosh

Step into flip-flop fashion

INDIAN CHILDREN, THE LATEST in trendy sandals and flip-flops, has now arrived in the Philippines, ready to offer a wide selection of fashionable sandals and flip-flops for every occasion.

Highly recommended, the brand is now available in "Step into flip-flop fashion" in English in an advertisement that landed some 100,000 hits on the Internet.

The reason, it offers casual sandals for the most formal line of sandals, for every occasion. It's the best, because the brand also offers heels and platform shoes.

The young adults need to bring life to the flip-flop. Flip-flops often come in a wide variety of colors and styles as well as in a variety of sizes and styles.

The brand's flip-flop offers

leather, rubber, canvas and nylon in colorful styles.

Highly recommended in 20 countries, including the Hawaiian Islands, Australia, Canada, England, France, Japan, Spain, Costa, Portugal, Italy and others. It is now in the Philippines.

The brand is designed by C.R. Design (HAWAII) COMPANY + (HAWAII) COMPANY.

The brand is also available in London, New York, and other cities.

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MAGAPONE
 Chocolate is a gourmet treat

Angelati Italia seeks to make a truly Italian ice cream but with a Filipino twist



PURE Pistachio goodness

Gelato goes Pinoy

By Bianca Camangil
 JHS/Correspondent

THESE ARE SOME TYPES OF food that have to be savored in a particular place in order to maximize the experience, say Vietnamese coffee in Vietnam, miso ramen in Japan, pho noodles in Vietnam, and gelato in Italy.

However, since few people have the luxury of time and money to jet off around the world to sample regional delicacies, many restaurants attempt to bring international cuisines to their countries.

Italian, or Italianate cuisine, has long been considered as one of the country's specialties right up there with pizza and pasta. While there are many gelato shops in the Philippines, few can claim that they can replicate the creamy texture and complex burst of flavors that real Italian gelato promises. Many locally available brands are either too dry or too runny and taste more like frozen milkshake than Italian gelato.

Enter Angelati Italia, the franchisee of master chocolatier and Gelato One, inspired by their travels around Italy, the nation consid-

ered to be up there on a level of creating the sophisticated and bring it to the Philippines. The boss flew to Italy to take a crash course in gelato-making under the tutelage of a gelatoista master. Their studies even covered the history of producing the frozen treat. Thus, Angelati Italia, a play on "angel" and "gelato" (plural of gelato), was born.

Filipino taste

The brand has a wide variety of flavors. Aside from traditional flavors such as vanilla, raspberry, strawberry and chocolate, there are seasonal but also flavors that basically suit Filipino taste buds. Flavors of Jesus' Biscuits (Choco/Biscuit) make it necessary to have Angelati Italia's Choco Biscuits (Choco Biscuits) while the children at heart will have fun sipping on the recent hit from Scoops-a-Bunch and Chocolate and Caramel varieties. You may also like the Choco Biscuits and Biscuits Biscuits for a bit of chocolate.

If your tastes lie on the gourmet side, you should get a good lot of gelato from the Chocolate, a subtle treat offering that mimics the smooth consistency of the cheese, or Heavenly Tiramisu, which tastes just like the Italian treat. doesn't it? It is indeed after the chocolate, or Italian chocolate chips, but even the simplicity of vanilla with dark chunks of chocolate.

Angelati Italia also has an impressive array of fruit based flavors. Strawberry-Chocolate, for instance, adds in juicy berries with double chunks of chocolate, while Milano or Kiwi Biscuits is a surprising combination of kiwi and medium Biscuits. Cherry Vanilla and Citrus Biscuits are perfect for long lasting sessions with friends.

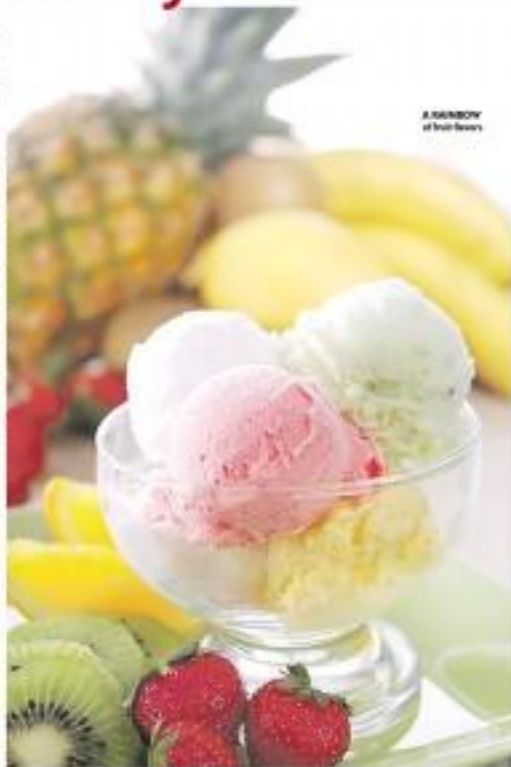
The price of good gelato doesn't come cheap in Italy. Angelati Italia will set you back by P450-P550, depending on the flavor, but you can be sure the brand doesn't set up on quality.

For special occasions or as a gift for the birthday, don't break on the generic ice cream. For a truly heavenly experience, grab yourself a pint of Angelati Italia.

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